

Hotel, which was attended by 250 guests. Dr. Barker, an eminent authority on cardiac disorders, came to the city to address the Academy on "Prognosis and Therapy in Disease of the Heart." His lecture, which followed the banquet, was attended not only by many of the local doctors, but also by physicians from many outside points.

The Grand Army of Canada will draw the attention of the Government to the unfair treatment of veterans whose injuries have left them subject to epileptic fits. At present they receive a pension, but are free to take employment, which they may lose when stricken. The G.A.C. suggest that these men should be placed on farms where they would have constant medical supervision, and where they could be credited with the profits from their employment until they are cured.

It is believed that smallpox was first recognized as a disease in Asia. In China references are made in writing, 1122 B.C., to a disease presenting the symptoms of smallpox. In ancient Sanskrit literature there are records of fatal epidemics of unknown origin and name, which were prevalent in India and Persia at least five thousand years ago. In the sixth century of the Christian Era it was described by Aron, an Egyptian physician, who wrote of smallpox specifically, and differentiated it from measles.

Dr. J. H. Branth, of New York City, reports that for some time he has used a mixture of waxes for sealing wounds. He uses a preparation of this character on nearly all sutures, leaving the lowest base for drainage. A preparation of this kind acts as a splint for immobilization. He uses a gauze pad to absorb the exudate. The wax peels off after healing is completed. Re-dressing is, of course, necessary where exudate is collected.

Mr. Justice Clute a short time ago expressed from the bench the opinion that it would be a very risky thing for a doctor to give a friend a drink of some stimulant in his office. This may add a new phase to the working of the O.T.A. if the doctor carries any liquor in his grip for emergency cases.

Dr. Stuart M. Fraser, Provincial Health Officer, Manitoba, states that next year he is going to rigorously enforce the vaccination law.

The Government of Manitoba has decided to erect in Winnipeg a home for the deaf and dumb, at a cost of \$500,000.

The Government of Alberta has made a grant of \$5,000 to the Victorian Order of Nurses to assist it in caring for outlying districts, and a grant of \$25,000 to enable doctors to locate in sparsely settled places.